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Particulars of the Lot. 140

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
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Cape Colony.
Gambia.
Gold Coast Colony.
Lagos.
Mauritius.
Natal.
St. Helena.
Seychelles.
Sierra Leone.
Mombasa
Lamu.

WEST INDIES.
Antigua.
Bahamas.
Barbadoes.
Bermuda.
British Guiana.
British Honduras.
Dominica.
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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$125	all	280 % prem. = $475
Bank of China & Japan, Limited, preference shares	39,950	£5	£5	nom.
" ordinary "	199,875	£8	£4	£1.0.0, buyers
" deferred "	1,250	£1	£1	£5.5
National Bank of China, Limited ...	...	£10	£8	$17½, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld. ...	10,000	$250	$50	$150, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld. ...	24,000	$83.33	$25	$65
North-China Insurance Co., Ld. ...	5,000	£100	£25	Tls. 180, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ld. ...	30,000	$100	$20	$7
Union Insurance Society, Ld. ...	10,000	$250	$50	$230
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld	8,000	$100	$60	$125, sales
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld. ...	20,000	$100	$20	$89, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$250	$50	$315, buyers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$125	all	300 % prem. = $500
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld. ...	5,000	$50	all	$95
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited ...	20,000	$50	all	$55, sales
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$15	$10	$27½
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£10	all	$61½, buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£10	£10	£9.10, buyers
			£10	£5.5
Do. (new issue)	20,000	£10	£5	£2.15, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000	$10	$7½	$12, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited ...	2,0000	$100	all	$170, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited ...	7,000	$100	all	$55, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$50	all	$80
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	$100	$37½	$41
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$100	$50	$81, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$50	$30	$18, buyers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co...	25,400	$10	all	$8.75, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited...	12,500	$50	$40	$19, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$100	all	$122, ex div., buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld...	40,000	$5	all	$5¼, buyers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.......	60,000	$4	all	$6½
Preference shares.....	30,000	$1	all	$1.50
Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	70,000	$5	$5	$7.75
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	$115, buyers
Queen's Mine, Limited, ...	100,000	25 cents	25 cts.	75 cts. buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld. ...	200,000	£1	14/10	$47, buyers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A15,000	$5	$5	$7
	B45,000	$5	$2½	$5.25
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. ...	12,000	$50	all	$71, buyers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	$10	all	$12½, buyers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited...	7,000	£10	all	$126
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited. ...	30,000	$10	$10	$10½, buyers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld. ...	20,000	$10	$10	$27 / $26¼
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	10,000	£1	£ 15/-	$5
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited...	1,200	$10	all	$10
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	$25	$25	$31, buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld. ...	600	$50	all	$83
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$7½	$5	$5¼
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ...	5,000	$25	all	$120
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$50	all	$172½
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	1,000,000	$100	$100	$78½ buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 70
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 80
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 80
Carmichael & Co., Ld. ...	3,000	$25	$20	$8
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 400
China Provident Loan, Mortgage Co., Ld.	30,000	$10	$10	$10½ sales

* Founder's shares.

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Chinese Imperial 1895 ...	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Reserve Fund .... $9,000,000.
Reserve Liability of Proprietors .... $10,000,000.

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On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.
" 6 " 3½ " "
" 12 " 4 " "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, October 28, 1898. 368

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
Established 1880.

Subscribed Capital, ... Yen 12,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... ... " 10,500,000
Reserve Fund ... ... " 6,960,000
Head Office—Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies:
Kobe. London. San Francisco,
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On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months, 5% per annum.
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S. CHOH, *Agent.*
Hongkong, October 1, 1898. 589

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.
Head Office, London.

Capital Paid-up £800,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders £800,000
Reserve Fund £450,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
" " " 6 " 3½ %
" " " 3 " 2½ %

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.
Hongkong, May 25, 1898. 840

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed £1,125,000
Paid up .... £ 562,500
Reserve Fund .... £ 10,0.0

Bankers:
London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 12 Months .... 4 %
" 6 " .... 3½ %
" 3 " .... 2½ %

J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2840

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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Authorised Capital .... $1,000,000.
Paid up Capital .... $ 324,334.

Head Office—Hongkong.

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Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang,
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq. | Esq.

Chief Manager:
G. W. F. Playfair.
Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.
Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

Established by Imperial Decree of the 12th November, 1896.

Subscribed Capital, ... Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital, ... " 2,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
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Advances made on approved securities, Bills Discounted.

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" " 12 " ... 5%

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, October 15, 1898. 1970

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SHIU HING PO,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, September 20, 1898. 1796

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	*Rig.*	*Tons.*	*Guns.*	*I.H.P.*	*Captain.*	*Where at.*
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Comdr. A. H. Smith-Dorrien	Canton
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Foochow
Archer	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comdr. C. E. Kingsmill	Singapore
Barfleur†	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B.	Nagasaki
Bonaventure	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. R. A. J. Montgomerie, C.B.	Manila
Centurion*	battleship, 1st class	10,500	14	13,000	Captain J. R. Jellicoe	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1140	8	2000	Comd. C. W. Winnington-Ingram	Hongkong
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	200	Lt.-Com. C. Chadwick	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut. H. A. Gillett	Hongkong
Firebrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	360	———	Hongkong
Grafton	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain F. W. Fisher	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Edward Kelly	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Shakespere	Hongkong
Hermione	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Capt. G. A. Callaghan	Weihaiwei
Humber	storeship	1640	—	1640	Lieut. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. H. N. Dudding	Nanking
Linnet	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Com. Wm. W. Smythe	Nanking
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Comdr. G. F. King-Hall	Hongkong
Peacock	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. P. S. St. John	Chemulpo
Phœnix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. N. P. Cochrane	Shanghai
Pigmy	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. C. J. T. Dormer	Iloilo
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	755	6	1200	Com. C. V. de M. Cowper	Hongkong
Powerful	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Capt. Hon. H. Lambton	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat, 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Iloilo
Redpole	gunboat, 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870		Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	—	—	Commodore S. C. Holland	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	———	Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Weihaiwei
Victorious	battleship, 1st class	14,900	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomberg	Hongkong
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lieut.-Comdr. W. P. Dawson	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5900	Lieut. I. P. Barton	Hongkong
Wivern	coastdefenceship, armoured	2750	4	1000	———	Hongkong

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, K.C.B. † Flagship of Rear-Admiral C. S. P. Fitzgerald.

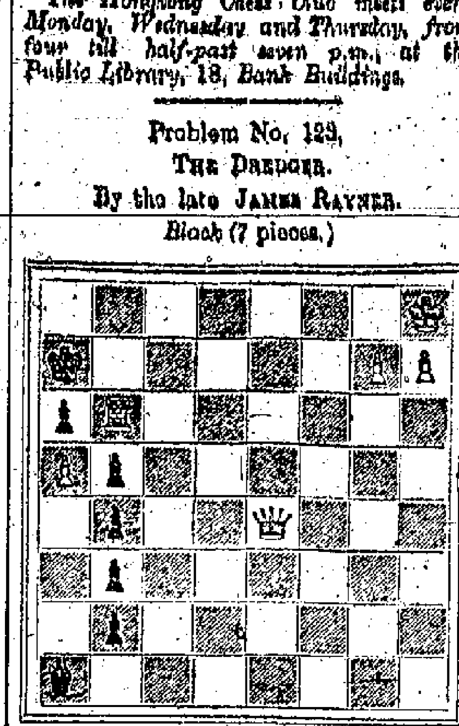
Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	*Flag and Description.*	*Tons.*	*Guns.*	*H.P.*	*Captain.*	*Last reported at*
Frundsberg	Austrian corvette	1400	9	800	Capt. L. von Zeigler	Hongkong
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Saigon
Bayard	French flagship	6500	12	4500	Captain Joannet	———
Caravan	French gunboat	658	4	—	Lieut. Schwerer	Saigon
Descartes	French cruiser	4000	14	8500	Capt. Philibert	Shanghai
Duguay-Trouin	French cruiser	3593	11	4399	———	Kwongchauwan
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Taku
Jean Bart	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Thesmar	Kwongchauwan
Léon	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Amet	Shangha.
Pascal	French cruiser	3988	14	8500	Captain de Brétizel	Manila
Surprise	French gunboat	629	2	900	Captain de Plessix	Saigon
Vauban	French flagship	—	—	—	Captain Boutet	Kwongchauwan
Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2930	Captain Becker	Kiaochau
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brussatis	Shanghai
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	—	8000	Captain Muller	Hongkong
Gefion	German 2nd class cruiser	4109	10	9000	Captain Follenius	Hongkong
Irene	German cruiser	4200	8	2930	Commander de Bois	Iloilo
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	5700	Captain Stubenrauch	Hongkong
Kaiserin Augusta	German cruiser	6331	20	14,000	Captain Koellner	Hongkong
Moeve	German gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. Merten	Hongkong
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	12	8000	Captain Truppel	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	1487	—	—	Captain Incoronato	Nagasaki
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Comdr. Carvalhosa e Athayde	Macao
Admiral Kornieloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Molas	Port Arthur
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenego	Vladivostock
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Capt. Witthofft	Port Arthur
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikff	———
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Rudneff	Taku
Korejetz	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Captain Lindestroem	Nagasaki
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander Kachaloff	Chemulpo
Navarin	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	4	—	Captain Feniche	———
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Captain Coprianoff	Nagasaki
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6000	15	8000	Captain Virenius	Vladivostock
Rossia	Russian cruiser	12,200	—	—	Captain Domojiroff	Nagasaki
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,923	26	13,250	Comdr. Gaoupt	Nagasaki
Silatch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Captain Barranoff	Port Arthur
Sissoi Veliky	Russian 2nd class battleship	10,000	14	8500	Captain Barenago	Nagasaki
Sivootch	Russian gunboat	950	2	1120	Captain Niedermuller	———
Vladimir Monamach	Russian armoured cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Prince Ouchtomsky	Port Arthur
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	500	11	3500	Capt. Rogalia	———
Zabijaka	Russian cruiser	1230	6	1194	Commander Komaroff	Vladivostock
Baltimore	U. S. cruiser	4413	10	10,064	Capt. N. M. Dyer	Iloilo
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	4030	Captain G. F. F. Wilde	Manila
Callao	U. S. gunboat	137	1	55	Lieut. Benjamin Tappan	Manila
Charleston	U. S. cruiser	3730	8	6666	Captain Glass	Iloilo
Concord	U. S. cruiser	1700	6	3405	Com. A. Walker	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	1057	2	750	Lieut.-Com. F. Singer	Manila
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Com. G. W. Farenholt	Shanghai
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. E. H. C. Leutze	Manila
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Capt. W. H. Whiting	Manila
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5800	14	17,363	Captain Lamberton	Manila
Petrel	U. S. gunboat	892	4	1092	Commander E. P. Wood	Manila

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Problem No. 123,
The Dredger.
By the late James Rayner.
Black (7 pieces.)



White (6 pieces).

White to play, and compel Black to mate in eleven moves.

Solution Problem No. 121 (Anonymous).
R—R 6 Then if

1. K×R 2. B×P
1. B×B 2. R (R 6)×B
1. P×R 2. B—Kt 2
1. B moves 2. Kt—B 7
1. Kt moves 2. R×B

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Hongkong, Jan. 19.

Next Thursday evening, there will be a match between players over thirty-five and those under that age, and I hope the elder players will turn up in sufficient force and good enough form to give a contradiction to the popular idea that youth wins at chess. Lasker, Janowski, Charousek, Pillsbury all exemplify the statement, but Tchigorin, Tarrasch, Burn and the venerable Steinitz are examples on the other side. I believe that all our champions and ex-champions are over the age named, but we have some youngsters here who play a very fair game and should give a good account of themselves.

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Next Thursday night will also be the third occasion on which Captain Chepmell's possession of the Championship may again be disputed. Dec. 15 and Jan. 5 passed without a challenger. It may be that local players are alarmed by the record that he had a dozen years ago in England, but at all events the weeks as they pass show a strong contrast to the constantly contested holding of the cup by the preceding champions. The Secretary informs me that he has as yet received no challenge.

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Next Thursday also will be the last appearance for a while of Mr B. L. Batliwara, who joined the Club in 1895, and has been in constant attendance ever since. Placed at first in the third-class, he has proved himself recently too good for the second. He is an excellent player, but will do better when he learns to look more than two moves ahead, and be less eager to capture pieces and more suspicious of traps. His departure for Bombay would leave us without a Parsee player, but that with kindly forethought he has induced Mr Dusto to join the club in his place. Till he returns, we shall miss the one face that has always been in the room day after day and week after week.

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I want local games, and I am very grateful to T.H.R. (the initials will be familiar to all my readers) for the following pretty game which he played recently with a visitor from the Straits:—

Game No. 288.
KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

White (T.H.R.)	Black (S.)
1 P—K 4	P—K 4
2 P—KB 4	P—Q 3
3 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3
4 B—B 4	Kt—K B 3
5 P—Q 3	B—K 2
6 Castles	B—Kt 5 (a)
7 P×P	P—Q R 3 (b)
8 P×Kt	B×P
9 Q—K sq	B—Q 5 ch (c)
10 K—R sq	P—Q 4 ?
11 B×P	B×Kt (d)
12 R×B	Castles
13 Kt—Q 2	Kt—K 4
14 R—B sq (e)	Q—Q 2
15 Kt—B 3	P—K R 3 (f)
16 Kt×B	Kt—Kt 5 !
17 P—K R 3	Kt—K 4
18 Q—Kt 3	P—Kt 4
19 QB×P ! !	P×P
20 Q×P ch	Kt—Kt 3
21 Q×Kt ch	K—R sq
22 B×B P	Resigns.

(a) Better B—K 3; but Black's whole development from 2.........P—Q 3 is timorous, tentative and trivial.

(b) Obviously a miscalculation. Black's idea was that he night draw out White's Q B, and then win a pawn and a rook after the sacrifice of his Kt. He had not previously played with T.H.R.! Q Kt×P would have strengthened his position.

(c) Always useless, as it simply drives the K into safety.

(d) Black does not use his Bishops well. This one was too valuable to be given up, with the open file, for a Kt.

(e) Retaining the B file and with an eye also to Black's little plan of Kt—Kt 5, followed by Kt—B 7 ch.

(f) This finishes it, abandoning the Bishop and the game, but White plays the ending very prettily.

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While I am speaking of local games, may I venture publish the following which occurried a few nights ago at the Chess Club. It is a trap that should be better known. White's capture of the pawn at move 4 loses him a piece at least:—

Game No. 289.
GIUOCO PIANO.

White (———)	Black (Black Bishop).
1 P—K 4	P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3
3 B—B 4	Kt—Q 5
4 Kt×P	Q—Kt 4
5 Kt×B P	Q×Kt P
6 R—B sq	Q×K P ch
7 B—K 2	Kt—B 6 mate

The problem above, which I cull from the December issue of the *British Chess Magazine*, looks formidable, but is exceedingly easy, and most amusing as a chess joke. Solvers need not be afraid of it. I will give these hints. Black's moves are all forced, and the name given to it by its author well describes the process. It was found among the late Mr Rayner's papers after his death, and is believed to be hitherto unpublished.

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The zero of the table is Low-Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

20th to 26th January.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Fri.	20	m 4 23 4 13 a	1 9 3 9	m 9 19	1 1
Sat.	21	m 6 46 5 11 a	1 6 4 0	m 0 28 m 8 38	0 5 1 5
Sun.	22	No inferior 6 2 a	high- 4 4	nor low- m 1 24	water. —0 1
Mon.	23	m 9 30 6 48 a	1 9 4 7	m 1 59 m 11 9	—0 7 1 8
Tues.	24	m 9 52 7 31 a	1 10 4 10	m 2 29 0 24 a	—0 11 1 7
Wed.	25	m 10 13 8 9 a	1 11 5 1	m 2 57 1 16 a	—1 3 1 5
Thur.	26	m 10 33 8 48 a	2 1 5 2	m 3 24 2 1 a	—1 5 1 8

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Jan. 18th.—at 4 p.m.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock.	30.23	24	—	NW	2	c	—
Tokio	30.26	—	—	SE	2	—	—
Kochi......	30.27	—	—	SE	2	—	—
Nagasaki..	30.38	—	—	W	6	—	—
Kagoshima	30.34	—	—	N	4	—	—
Gutzlaff....	30.55	37	81	N	3	ov	—
Sharp Pk.,	30.16	51	62	E	6	o	—
Amoy	30.29	62	61	NE	2	o	—
Swatow	30.27	63	—	SE	3	b	—
Canton	30.28	58	12	NW	2	o	—
Hongkong	30.27	61	55	W	3	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	WNW	1	—	—
Gap Rock	30.28	—	—	N	4	—	—
Macao	30.28	62	—	NNW	2	b	—
Haiphong.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	E	3	b	—
Malato......	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila......	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Jan. 19th.—at 10 a.m.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock.	30.41	3	67	N	1	b	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff....	30.55	37	91	N	3	cv	—
Sharp Pk.,	30.46	60	63	NNE	1	c	—
Amoy	30.39	57	69	NE	3	o	—
Swatow ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canton ...	30.44	53	54	N	2	b	—
Hongkong	30.40	59	49	—	0	b	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	NE	2	—	—
Gap Rock	30.39	—	—	NE	5	—	—
Macao	30.43	61	—	NW	1	b	—
Haiphong.	30.34	56	—	NE	1	c	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	NE	3	f	—
Malate.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

F. G. Figg, *First Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 19, 1899.

1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. Direction of Wind, to two points.
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).
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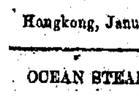
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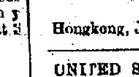
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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Preussen	Wednesday	February 1.
Sachsen	Wednesday	March 1.
Bayern	Wednesday	March 29.
Prinz Heinrich	Wednesday	April 26.
Preussen	Wednesday	May 24.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1899, at 9 a.m., the Company's S. S. *PREUSSEN*, Captain C. HEINTZE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 30th January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 31st January, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 31st January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

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Hongkong, January 6, 1899. 50

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MR. COLIN McD. SMART has THIS DAY been Authorised to SIGN OUR FIRM per procuration.

BAIN & REID.

Hongkong, December 1, 1898.

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CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD Co.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and SOUTH AMERICA, Etc.

S.S. *Carlisle City*....3,003 Tons.....Noon, 24th January.
S.S. *Carmarthenshire*...2,929 Tons....About 15th February.
S.S. *Belgian King*....3,370 Tons.....About 15th March.

THE Steamship *Carlisle City* will be despatched for SAN DIEGO, *Via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, at Noon, on TUESDAY, 24th January, 1899.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 p.m. the day previous to Sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, *Agents,* HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN.

Hongkong, January 19, 1899. 2406

TOYO KISEN KAISHA,

TO SAN FRANCISCO, *VIA* INLAND SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

Hongkong Maru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	TUESDAY, Feb. 7, at Noon.
Nippon Maru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, March 4, at Noon.
America Maru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	THURSDAY, March 30, at Noon.

THE S.S. *HONGKONG MARU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1899, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelope, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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J. S. VAN BUREN *Agent.*

Hongkong, January 14, 1899. 129

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via Sinai, N'ki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama and Honolulu).....	SATURDAY, Jan. 21, at Noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Feb. 16, at Noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, N'ki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu)..	TUESDAY, March 14, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF PEKING*, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st January, 1899, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, *Agent.*

Hongkong, December 28, 1898. 2450

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1899, at daylight.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu).	Saturday, February 25, at noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu).	Tuesday March 21 at noon.

THE Co.'s Steamship *GAELIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st Feb., at Daylight.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versâ*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

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Hongkong, January 13, 1899. 44

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EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. GEO. A. LEE, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar. /99.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 5th April /99.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,* PEDDER STREET.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,

Via Shanghai, Inland Sea of Japan, Kobe and Yokohama.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH Northern Pacific Railway Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
Victoria....	3102	J. Panton	Feb. 14
Tacoma.....	3811	W. Smith.....	Feb. 25
Glenogle....	875	J. McGillivray....	Mar. 21
Olympia ..	2608	J. Truebridge	April 11

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co.

Steamer.	Tons	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
**Columbia*.....	2608	A. Gow.....	Jan. 28
Monmouthshire	2844	W. A. Evans...	Feb. 18
Lennox.....	3677	J. C. Williamson	Mar. 11
Columbia	2608	A. Gow.....	April 15

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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, January 18, 1899. *General Agents.* 134

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
SAGAMI MARU, J. NAGAO,	SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI.	FRIDAY, 20th Jan. at 4 p.m.
INABA MARU, W. BAINBRIDGE,	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, *Via* SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 22nd January, at Daylight.
HIROSHIMA MARU, S. TSUJI,	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY.	TUESDAY, 24th Jan., at noon.
* *KINSHIU MARU*, W. BEADY,	SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A., *Via* KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.	THURSDAY, 26th Jan., at 4 p.m.
TOKIO MARU, J. S. MUREAU,	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, *Via* THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 27th Jan., at 4 p.m.

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, Etc., apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, *Manager.*

Hongkong, January 13, 1899. 9

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.	
S.S. *Dorothea Bickmers*, Capt. PAPE.	H'bg, H'burg, Bremn. (Lisbon with transhipment in H'burg)	About 6th February.	Freight.
* S.S. *SARNIA*, Capt. EULERS,	H'bg, H'burg, Bremn. (Lisbon with transhipment in H'burg)	About 15th February.	Freight & Passage.
S.S. *SURIA*, Capt. PORSCH,	H'bg, H'burg, Bremn. (Lisbon with transhipment in H'burg)	About 15th March.	Freight.
S.S. *WITTENBERG*, Capt. MAIBEN,	H'bg, H'burg, Bremn. (Lisbon with transhipment in H'burg)	About 31st March.	Freight.

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Hongkong, January 9, 1899. 99

CEYLON has no six-cent stamp in readiness for the new ocean-postage charge. The 15-cent stamp has been marked down for the present, and so will give philatelists a new specimen for their collections.

AT a meeting of the Sanitary Board held to-day, a revised plan of the drainage of the Cotton Mill at East Point was submitted, showing proposed latrine accommodation. The Board granted permission to erect the latrines.

MR C. V. LADDS, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, having reported on 12th January that the East Point Dairy Farm might be declared open again on Friday, 13th January, the Board agreed to Mr Ladds' recommendation.

A COURT-MARTIAL assembled to-day on board H.M.S. *Narcissus* to hear a charge against Edward Bullen, A.B., of H.M.S. *Powerful*, charged with striking a superior officer. He was found guilty of the charge, and sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

MR Chye Tian Fook, draughtsman and surveyor in the Municipal Engineer's office at Singapore, has been elected a student of the Institution of Civil Engineers, after having previously passed the Institution examination. He is an articled civil engineering pupil of Mr S. Tomlinson.

A SEAMAN named George Brown, who was released on 17th January on ticket-of-leave, after serving a term of three years' imprisonment in Victoria Gaol for wounding with intent to murder and do grevious bodily harm on board a vessel at Manila, was again arrested for assaulting a bayman in the Globe Hotel, by kicking him in the stomach. The Police had a severe struggle in effecting the arrest of the prisoner, one of the constables breaking his truncheon in the struggle. Commander Hastings said after prisoner had been in gaol so long he thought he would have taken care. Prisoner said he had only a couple of drinks, and they took effect upon him. He was fined $5 on each count, and ordered to pay $2 compensation to the barman. Brown was convicted at the Criminal Sessions on 18th April, 1895, and was then sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for the term of 5, 2, 1 and 1 years concurrent.

YESTERDAY afternoon, the light-draught river gunboat *Sandpiper* was launched from the slip at Hunghom of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. The *Sandpiper* was brought out from home in sections as freight, and was reconstructed in the camber at the Kowloon Torpedo Depot. On Monday the gunboat steamed round to Hunghom, and was placed on the slip to be inspected and cleaned. There was a large assemblage to witness the launch, including H.E. Sir Henry Blake and Lady Blake; Major-General Gascoigne and Mrs Gascoigne, the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs Hoare, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Holland, Surgeon-Colonel and Mrs Evatt, Misses Jackson, Commanders Napier, Davidson, Plenderleath, Lieut.-Commander Haywood-Booth, Lieutenant-Commander Carr, and other naval officers. The company assembled on board the vessel, where refreshments were served. A short service was afterwards read by Rev. Francis Flynn, and the company having taken up position on a small platform, Mrs Holland christened the vessel, which then glided gracefully into the water. The gunboat was towed round to the Kowloon Torpedo Depôt. To-morrow she will go out for steam trials.

WYNDHAM Street lies within the area from which street cries, Chinese processions, and other nuisances are prohibited, yet at this moment of writing, in a house in Wyndham Street not far from this office, a horrible, ear-splitting Chinese pipe is making the day hideous. Applications to the police for relief on previous occasions have proved futile to end our misery, so there is no use of complaining at the Central Police Station; but if this paragraph should meet the eye of His Excellency the Governor, we would urge upon him the desirability of looking into the question of a Chinese reservation —or, to put it the other way, a European reservation or district in which Chinese so-called music is absolutely forbidden. Of recent years, the Chinese have swarmed into districts hitherto exclusively occupied by Europeans, more especially into the European business quarter, and if these hideous noises are to be tolerated the conduct of ordinary business will be rendered well-nigh impossible. If street cries and processions are forbidden in Wyndham Street, won't His Excellency confer another boon upon the European denizens of the quarter and forbid Chinese music of any description? We should like His Excellency and the whole Colonial Secretariat to experience one day at a desk here, for then we would be assured of instant relief!

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COMMANDER O. W. Farenholt, U.S.N., who has been relieved from the command of the *Monocacy*, has gone home in the *Coptic*.

A FOOTBALL match played on the Happy Valley, between the Queen's College and Victoria English School, resulted in a win for the former by 3 goals to 2.

THE plans of the proposed washing tanks at Tai Hing village were submitted this afternoon to a meeting of the Sanitary Board. In a minute attached to the plans, Dr Clark wrote that 3 ft. × 3 ft. and 2 ft. deep was the size found most useful in India. He observed that the proposed tanks were to be 4 ft. × 3 ft. A man could not reach across a tank of this size. If made 3 ft. × 5 ft. an additional five tanks would be obtained.

THE following is the course for the sixth club race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club to be sailed on the 22nd inst.:—From the Police Pier, Kowloon, round Stonecutters (port), mark boat off Chung Hue (port), North Fairway Buoy (port), Cosmopolitan Dock Buoy (starboard); 14 miles. The first race for the R. E. cup will be on Saturday, the 21st inst., starting at 2.15 p.m. Course:—Meyer's Buoy, Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock, Meyer's Buoy, and Channel Rocks (all to port); 10 miles. The handicaps will be published.

IN his report submitted to the Sanitary Board this afternoon, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon (Mr C. V. Ladds) says Inspectors Watson and Cotton are both deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which they performed their duties during the past year. Owing to their zeal and vigilance, several serious cases of infringement of regulations have been brought to light, which might otherwise have remained undiscovered. Much credit is also given Overseer Johannsen for the smart and cleanly condition of the Central Market.

IN his report for 1898, Mr C. Vivian Ladds, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, mentions two slight outbreaks of cattle plague in the Colony. He says in this connection:—'I had an opportunity of treating the last case which occurred with serum prepared by myself, and am pleased to record that the animal recovered under the treatment. From the result of my observations, I am confident that, given the necessary appliances, etc., I could successfully combat an outbreak of this disease, and think that at least 90 per cent. of the animals infected might be saved if taken in time.' Mr Ladds cautions the milk consumers against milk from native dairies, and is sorry to say fraudulent adulteration is now carried on to a very large extent. He thinks that if the Sanitary Board's officers were to take more samples and submit them to analysis much good might result to the milk consumers of the community generally. To boil all milk before using it is the only real safeguard against the dangers of contamination.

THE report for 1898 of Mr C. Vivian Ladds, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, contains several items of great interest to the public. Dealing with the importation of live stock, he refers to the extreme difficulty of keeping out foot-and-mouth disease, which is constantly raging over the whole of South China and the adjacent French Colonies. Until the disease has run its course in the adjacent provinces, Mr Ladds says much might be done to prevent the spread of the disease in this Colony by having proper inspection lairs for cattle, the necessity for which he urged so far back as 1888. During the early part of last year, the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi were also over-run by rinderpest and cattle plague, which killed off large numbers of cattle, and this together with the rise in the price of rice, caused a scarcity of animals and higher prices; but the supply, though at times intermittent, was always equal to the demand. The number of animals imported for slaughter during 1898 exceeded those of 1889 by 3721 cattle, 5846 sheep and goats, and 27,332 swine. As most of these animals are brought from long distances to Hongkong, it is desirable that an effort should be made to encourage the breeding of cattle and swine upon some parts of the extended territory (when it is taken over), should suitable localities become available, though there might be many difficulties to contend with at first owing to the great reluctance of the Chinese to depart from the rigid rules of 'old custom.' Dealing with Slaughter Houses, Mr Ladds writes:—'There is no doubt in my mind whatever that, in order to maintain a complete check upon the main source of the meat supply of the Colony, the Slaughter House at Kennedy Town, to be properly and efficiently managed, should be under the immediate control of the Government, and not leased out to a private individual as at present.' Last year, there were 21,541 cattle, 15,950 sheep and goats, and 153,435 swine slaughtered in the Colony.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*.—Haimun, Isidoro Pons, H.I.G.M.S. Kaiser, Beechuda's, Hyl.G.M.S. Meewe, H.I.G.M.S. Kaiserin Augusta, Athenian, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon, Lyeemoon, Monmouthshire, H.I.G.M.S. Gefion, Ningchow.

Cosmopolitan.—Changsha.

Aberdeen.—Namyong.

At the Magistracy to-day, 6 cook in the employment of Mrs Wagner, 'Beryl,' Garden Road, Kowloon, was committed for trial for the attempted poisoning of five other servants in Mrs Wagner's employ. It appeared that on 10th January about twelve o'clock, Mrs Wagner returned from Hongkong and found her servants in a dazed, stupid condition. She could not account for their strange behaviour, and could elicit no information from the servants as to the cause of it. After tiffin, therefore, she proceeded to the Yaumati Police Station and made a report to Inspector Robertson, and five of the servants were removed to the Government Civil Hospital from which they were discharged next day. From enquiries made by the Police it was ascertained that the servants fell sick after partaking of their morning meal. They had cooked their own food, and the only reason they could assign for their sickness was the eating of some vegetables. While these vegetables were boiling on the fire, the cook entered and emptied some lard out of a jar into the pot. Sergeant Cameron scraped some lard off the wall of the cook-house, and afterwards the jar which contained the lard was found in the ash-heap. The lard was submitted to the Government Analyst for analysis and *datura* was found. It is supposed that the cook had an animosity at the servants owing to the dismissal of a friend of his who was employed as coolie in the same house.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

AN ARGUMENT FOR PROPER EUROPEAN CONTROL.

Mr C. V. Ladds, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, has frequently recommended in his reports that the slaughter houses should be placed under the immediate control and management of European Inspectors—instead of having them leased out to Chinese contractors—as he claimed that the meat supply of the Colony would then be more fully under his control than under the present system. A strong argument in favour of Mr Ladds' recommendations is the case which was decided at the Magistracy this afternoon, where a shroff employed at the Cattle Depôt, Kowloon, was charged with causing to be impressed upon two cattle, on 6th January, the mark of the broad arrow. It is the duty of Inspector Watson to pass the animals fit for slaughter, and those in condition for slaughter are marked with the broad arrow in his presence, and cattle with this mark are passed in by the Indian watchman at the slaughter house. The shroff at the cattle depôt conceived a scheme whereby he hoped to considerably augment his income by passing cattle into the slaughter house unknown to the Inspector, and for this purpose he journeyed to Chinese Kowloon and had a brand made in the shape of the broad arrow, which according to the evidence of one of the witnesses he used most effectively for over a month. The career of the shroff, however, was cut short by the appointment of a new Indian watchman, who contrary to past experience of Indian watchmen in the slaughter houses, turned out to be honest and to possess some of the qualifications of a detective. Shortly after his arrival the shroff approached him in regard to his little scheme which had been working so successfully in the past, and told him he wished an audience with him at the Cattle Depôt after the departure of the Inspector for the day. The Indian went to the depôt at half-past one o'clock. The shroff intimated he had a good thing for the Indian and himself, and appealed to him as Government servant like himself receiving small wages, and having a wife and children, to pass the cattle marked with the counterfeit broad arrow into the slaughter-house. The shroff said he had frequently done it and had never been detected by the Inspector. He charged $1.20 for each animal passed and the Indian would receive fifty cents as his share, the shroff fifty cents and the other twenty cents would go to the two coolies. The Indian kept his own counsel in the matter and collected $7.50 as his part of the proceeds, which he handed to Inspector Watson and made a full revelation of the plot. On the 5th Jan., a butcher at Hunghom brought up six cattle to the depôt to be passed for slaughter, and Inspector Watson passed four of the number, the other two being retained in the depôt. Next morning, the butcher came to the depôt to take away the rejected cattle, and was met by the shroff who told him not to take them away; he would pass them on payment of $1 each. The butcher paid the money, and the shroff told the coolie to brand the cattle with the counterfeit arrow. This was done and the cattle were being driven along the road to the slaughter house, when Inspector Watson, who had been watching in a place of hiding, went down and arrested the butcher and then the coolie. The butcher and the coolie were taken before the Magistrate on the 7th, and were each fined $10, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment. The coolie said he had only done what he was ordered to do by the shroff, but the shroff denied all responsibility. The matter was further enquired into, and the counterfeit marking iron was found secreted in the chimney of a cookhouse at the depôt. The evidence of the Indian clearly showed the shroff's connection with the affair, and he was arrested. The full punishment of six months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

A PROJECT for laying down a railway at Bakan Straits to afford direct communication between Bakan and Kyushu, the *Japan Times* says, has long occupied the attention of the promoters, who at one time went so far as to submit the scheme to the authorities, who rejected it owing to some defect. The *Nippon* says the promoters lately entered into a contract with Messrs Armstrong and Co for the temporary use of ships in the construction of a bridge over the Straits. The English firm, the paper says, greatly approved the work as one reflecting much honour on the Japanese. It is added that another application for license has already been sent in, the funds for the undertaking being estimated at 6,500,000 yen.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 17th January, 1899.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES.

The American Commission will sail for the Philippines early in February, and will remain for an indefinite period as a general advisory board to President McKinley.

SUBMARINE BOATS.

Owing to successful experiments with submarine torpedo boats, France is building six of them.

THE TSAR'S PEACE CONFERENCE.

Count Muravieff, in a circular to the European Cabinets, states that although the horizon has been somewhat overclouded since the first communication, the convocation of a peace congress is still advisable. The proposals to be submitted include, the prohibition of submarine torpedo boats; ships with rams; the prohibition of new and more powerful weapons or explosives and any new inventions. The *Times* regards the proposals as visionary and impracticable.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 19th at 11.45 a. The barometer has risen in S. China and Japan. The high pressure area, central in N. China, extends now over the whole of the coasts of China and Japan. Gradients slight on the coast, rather steep with strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; fine.

IS COIN CASH?

I threw down the coin on the counter,
With the rashness that's born of despair,
Said I, 'Give me a two-cent stamp, please.'
I was met with a stony glare.

'Go, catchee two-cent in copper,'
Said the Chow, as he handed me
The five-cent bit I had tendered,
And he smiled with a fiendish glee.

And, once again, when I offered
Ten copper cents for stamps,
That Chow went into convulsions,
As of one who had inward cramps:
'Go, catchee one ten-cent pieces,
For copper, no stamp have sale;'
And I hunted around to find one
Till I got it—and lost the mail.

Now, is this an English country?
And is our coin cash, or not?
And what is the beastly meaning,
Of all this superlative rot?
We don't mind delay with our letters,
We've got used to that long ago,
But, hang it, they might take our coppers
Or silver when offered, you know.

God bless our grandmotherly rulers,
Who allow the things done in Hongkong;
And Heaven reward the Post-Office,
Where everything seems to go wrong,
Where coin which to-day may be current
To-morrow's rejected with scorn;
Here's health to the grandest incapables
That ever on this earth were born.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge.)

Wednesday, January 18.

ANOTHER DISCORDANT PIANO DUET.

Walter George Vaughan Robinson sued William Springford for $145, money lent, and $370.32 expenses of passage from home.

Mr J. Hastings appeared for the plaintiff.

Plaintiff said he was a musical instrument maker and music seller in Hongkong and elsewhere. Defendant was engaged by his agent in Liverpool in March of last year. He produced the agreement. Defendant arrived in April, last year. The salary was £12 a month. Witness paid him $135 a month. On September 3rd he lent defendant $100. Defendant admitted this loan. He had also had an advance at Singapore. Witness paid defendant $135 for September, but deducted $90 for the advance and gave him $45. On Oct. 5th defendant borrowed $45 on account of salary. He produced the counterfoil, which defendant admitted. He never saw defendant after that, defendant leaving his employment on that day without leave or notice and never coming back. He heard he had gone to Japan about October 17th. He had paid £36 15s., being cost of passage in advance, and this at 1/11½ came to $375.32.

There was no cross-examination.

Defendant said he admitted he received $50 at Singapore. $60 was advanced in Hongkong, and $100 in September last. He repaid $25 at Singapore to plaintiff's manager, Mr Whitefield. Plaintiff stopped $45 out of his salary for September. He admitted owing $145. At the beginning of October plaintiff said he would deduct the money advanced for his passage at the rate of $15 a month, and as he did not think plaintiff was entitled to do this he left without notice.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff, remarking, however, that he did not suppose plaintiff wished to push defendant down to extremities.

Mr Hastings—What we want is that he shall not work against us.

THERE is hope that the large stocks of cement now being held will quickly decrease, as the demand has revived. It is stated that some 100,000 casks will be shortly required for the Osaka harbour works, the construction of the Government railways, the military arsenal at Yura and other public works. The stock of cement held by foreign merchants at Yokohama and Tokyo is said to amount to 200,000 casks, and there is at least half this amount in Kobe.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

ON the 11th inst., Lord Charles Beresford visited the Mitsu Bishi Company's Shipbuilding Yard and Dock at Tategami, and the Engine Works and Dock at Akunowra, Mr Clark, Foreign Consulting Engineer to the Company, showing him everything that was to be seen. At Akunoura, Mr Shoda also accompanied Lord Charles through the works. The recent extensions of the works both at Tategami and Akunoura have so much increased the area of the works as to make the survey of the whole in a single morning quite onerous. Lord Charles, however, examined everything with the keen interest of the expert, and was, we believe, considerably impressed with the docking, repairing, and shipbuilding facilities of Nagasaki.—*Nagasaki Daily Press*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CHINESE PUZZLE.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose a chit received to-day from the 'Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration.' If any of your numerous readers can solve the same, I shall always remain.—Yours gratefully,

CAULIFLOWER.

(Enclosure).

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—Being informed that your telegram sent to Primrose Swatow yesterday undelivered as the Captain Primrose is in the steamer Devawongse has not been arrived Swatow yet. Telegram detained. Is there any agency of your steamer pl.—Yrs truly, &c.

FRANCE AND THE SHANSI AND HONAN CONCESSIONS.

Paris, 9th December.

During the last two days there has been a singular agitation here in certain circles in which everything concerning England is anxiously watched, and especially everything which seems likely to add to English resources. This anxiety has been evoked afresh by the knowledge of a certain affair in which not merely England, but Italy, seems likely to reap an advantage. Two days ago, in fact, there were to be seen here in company with Mr Glass, C.I.E., ex-Inspector-general of railways in India, six officers of the Royal Engineers, two Americans, and an Italian officer—all under the direction of Mr Glass—and Signor Luzzatti, diplomatic agent, who has associated with him the Marquis di San Vito, a member of one of the oldest families, if not the oldest, in Rome. Mr Glass and the technical commission of which he is the head passed through Paris *en route* for Marseilles, whence they will all embark for India. There they will be joined by five or six British officers, and the entire mission will set out for Shanghai, and will thence visit certain mining concessions in the provinces of Shansi, where a complete and careful study is to be made of the mineral wealth constituting the concession obtained by Signor Luzzatti for the benefit of a British company or syndicate.

Mr Chamberlain, in his recent speech, recalled the fact that England had obtained the finest mining concessions against the combined efforts of all the other Powers, and he no doubt alluded to the concessions in Shansi and Honan. Signor Luzzatti has been appointed diplomatic agent, and upon him will fall the responsibility of smoothing the way for the technical mission to carry out its explorations unimpeded. Official notification of his appointment has been made by the Italian Government to the Italian Embassy in London, which has in its turn informed Lord Salisbury. Signor Luzzatti and the Marquis di San Vito have returned to Rome, whence they will immediately start for Marseilles to join the Glass mission. Mr. Glass will take leave of the mission in India, while Signor Luzzatti and the Marquis di San Vito will go on to Shanghai to make the necessary preparations.

Although this concession was obtained some time ago, it is considered here that the common official action of Italy and the Glass mission, involving as it does the official resources of the Italian Government, constitutes a sort of set-off to the recent Franco-Italian agreement, and there is a conviction that to the combined action of England and Italy is to be attributed the success obtained by the holders of these mining, railway, and petroleum concessions in the two immense provinces of Shansi and Honan, which possess an enormous population, and where the construction of a railway in connection with a navigable river will effect the most considerable political, strategic, and industrial transformations. There does not seem to be any accurate idea here as to the value of the concessions, and it is even believed that the necessity of constructing a very extensive railway will render the undertaking so difficult and complicated that the results cannot be immediate or even very near at hand; but it is, nevertheless, held that a concession covering so large an extent of territory, so rich in itself, and involving such enormous populations, gives this Anglo-Italian scheme a high degree of importance, and that it may be considered as a triumph obtained by England and Italy to the detriment of the most important interests of France. It is to be expected that the French Government will attentively watch the development of this affair, and seek to obtain some compensation in order to be able to defend itself against the Parliamentary Opposition.—*Times'* Correspondent.

PIANO Tuning and Repairs, New Music, Mandolins, Banjos, fine stock.—Robinson Piano Co.

THE Japanese gunboat *Tsukushi* is now staying at Shanghai for the protection of Japanese residents there. *The Nagasaki Daily Press* now learns, on the authority of Japanese papers, that the Government has decided to despatch another war-ship, of shallow draught, to China for the protection of Japanese subjects in South China.

A TOKIO telegram states that the Chinese local authorities have withdrawn their opposition to the site at Foochow demanded by the Japanese Minister for the establishment of a Settlement. Negotiations will be concluded as soon as the Japanese Government consents to the condition that the Chinese now on the site should not be required to move immediately.

THE following parable is taken from Dr Conan Doyle's 'Songs of Action':—

The cheese-mites asked how the cheese got there,
And warmly debated the matter;
The Orthodox said that it came from the air,
And the Heretics said from the platter.
They argued it long and they argued it strong,
And I hear they are arguing now;
But of all the choice spirits who lived in the cheese,
Not one of them thought of a cow.

ON the 7th inst., says the *Japan Advertiser*, Dr E. Wheeler and Mrs Wheeler celebrated their silver wedding; and the occasion was taken advantage of by the many friends of the popular Doctor, and his no less highly esteemed wife, to present them with a mark of their esteem and friendship, which took the form of a very handsome silver punch-bowl, for which about 150 residents of Yokohama had subscribed. The beautiful souvenir was sent to the Doctor's residence during the afternoon, accompanied by an illuminated scroll bearing an explanatory inscription and the names of the subscribers, very artistically executed by Miss Schwabe. Another silver wedding present, in the form of a silver cup, was presented to Dr and Mrs Wheeler by the children of Yokohama, at the Public Hall during the course of the Children's Fancy Dress Ball on Saturday afternoon.

'DEFENCE, NOT DEFIANCE.'

WHERE THE PHRASE ORIGINATED.

The volunteer motto, 'Defence, not Defiance,' has been a good deal quoted of late; it may be interesting to recall its origin. The *Journalist* says that its author was Mr John B. Marsh, a journalist then, and a journalist now. When on the staff of the *Manchester Examiner*, Mr Marsh joined the Press Company of the 3rd Manchester Volunteer Regiment. In a letter to Major Henry, the commanding officer, he made the suggestion; and at a parade on May 6th, 1860, the letter was read to the regiment. In response to the question, the men, with one unanimous shout, adopted the words for their own. Mr Marsh was called to the front, and complimented by the Major, as also by an Inspecting Officer from the War Office, on the appropriateness of his suggestion. At this time there was much jealousy in France at the existence of the volunteers in England, but Napoleon III., in a speech on military questions soon afterwards, said 'We cannot find fault with a nation which has enrolled her citizens for "defence, not defiance."' Mr Marsh, who is now on the staff of the *Standard*, has the honour of having suggested what has certainly proved to be a happy and patriotic inspiration.

INCENDIARISM IN KOBE.

The *Kobe Chronicle*, which, it may be remembered, indulged in some criticisms of the China Fire Insurance Company for hastily withdrawing from all its risks in Kobe about a year ago, devotes a leading article on the 12th inst., to 'The Crime of Arson.' The wisdom of the management of the China Fire is borne out by recent happenings in Kobe. Our contemporary says:—

Last year, as our readers will be aware, was marked by an extraordinary number of destructive fires in Kobe—so many in fact, that one Insurance Company cancelled all its policies, and refused to take any further risks in this port. The fires that occurred were not only frequent, but the property destroyed was in one or two cases of enormous value, and the total reached throughout the year must far exceed previous figures. There can be no question that in many cases those fires were due to incendiarism, and in one or two instances beggar-lads were arrested and charged with the offence, some of these lads being convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. Unfortunately it would seem that the police have not succeeded in capturing all the gang, for whether or not the fire which started in the house of Mr. Gomes a few nights ago was due to incendiarism, it is the fact that only a few hours previously a deliberate attempt was made to set fire to another house situated but a few yards away from the house where the outbreak originated. . . .

As we have said, it was only an hour or two after this deliberate attempt at arson that two foreign houses situated a few yards away were destroyed by fire, together with three or four contiguous Japanese dwellings. There is no question, therefore, that incendiarism is still at work in Kobe. It remains to consider what should be done to meet this serious state of things. For the last two or three years the Japanese residents of the town have alleged the existence of some individual or individuals systematically engaged in firing buildings, and in some districts organized patrols were instituted, the inhabitants taking it in turn to guard certain sections. It was not until about twelve months ago, however, that the existence of such a gang was generally credited, but the evidence then offered was so convincing that there was no gainsaying it. Now volunteer patrols are all very well, but in an organized community, with a police force to assure public security, such measures ought not to be necessary. The watchmen whose monotonous click-clack is heard throughout the night are also of little service, for they announce their approach so long beforehand that any persons with evil intent can easily seclude themselves until the noisy guardian has passed on his way. What is wanted in a place like Kobe is a nightly police patrol, and a patrol sufficiently strong that each beat could be traversed again and again during the night. The objection is of course the expense, and the authorities, at present appear to have scarcely sufficient men even for night watch at the various police-boxes. Still, this question of incendiarism is a serious one, and as the police do not appear able to altogether break up the gang responsible for these outrages, though it seems that some of its members have been caught, it is certainly the duty of the authorities to take some steps to prevent the destruction of property, even if the police force has to be increased. It must be acknowledged that the problem is a very difficult one, but in view of the numerous fires last year, and of this latest attempt at incendiarism, it is to be hoped the whole question will receive attention in the proper quarter.

TRANSPOSING and Cabin Pianos are invaluable and very strong.—Robinson Piano Co.

THE Customs receipts of Formosa, which have yielded about 420,000 yen a year since the occupation of the island by Japan, will, it is surmised, be increased by the enforcement of the revised tariffs to some 1,500,000 yen a year.—*Nagasaki Daily Press*.

THE quantity and the destinations of Japanese rice exported from Shimonoseki last year were as follows:—

	piculs.	yen.
Hongkong	36,960	232,848
Shanghai	840	5,376
Melbourne	3,360	22,004
Total	41,160	260,228

INFORMATION has reached the local branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha from Yokohama that fire broke out in the No. 1 hold of the *Hiroshima-maru* on the 7th inst. among some bales of raw cotton, and was not extinguished until about 5 on Sunday morning. It is stated, however, that the vessel has received only slight damage, and her departure on schedule time will not be interfered with as a result of the fire. This is the second fire that has occurred on the *Hiroshima-maru*, the vessel having suffered a similar disaster at Kobe about twelve months ago.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

THE *Kobe Chronicle* of the 12th inst. reports:—Lord Charles Beresford has accepted the invitation of the Kobe branch of the China Association to tiffin with the members at the Oriental Hotel on Friday next. So far as is at present arranged, Lord Charles Beresford will only remain here a few hours, proceeding by the *Coptic* to Yokohama. We learn from the *Japan Advertiser* that a meeting of the local branch of the China Association was held on Monday afternoon at Keil's Building which was very fully attended. Mr J. P. Mollison was called to the chair. It was decided that Lord Charles Beresford be invited to attend a dinner under the auspices of the China Association during his stay in Yokohama, and that the co-operation be asked of all British residents in the movement.

THE 'SHENK' TREATMENT.

SINGAPORE BIRTH STATISTICS ANALYSED.

This article is dedicated to the married ladies of Singapore. We read (says the *Singapore Free Press*) that 'Dr Shenk, of Vienna, lately asserted that the sex of an infant depended upon the alimentation of the mother during the period of gestation. M. Gaston Bonnier, a vegetable physiologist attached to the Botanical School at Fontainebleau and the Sorbonne, maintains from a series of experiments on the sexualism of plants—and states that the conclusions apply to animals—that the warmer the climate the more female births will be recorded. That ought to suit France and her sparse population—her colonies are mostly tropical.' But we beg emphatically to contradict M. Gaston Bonnier's weak though overbold inference. We have had the curiosity to examine the statistics, not of all the births recorded during 1898 in the *Singapore Free Press* but such as were to be accounted quite local. The result of that investigation is very surprising not only as a refutation of M. Bonnier's reckless and illogical inference, but as a blow to the generally received belief that the numbers of the two sexes born are approximately almost equal. We find that not only do boy babies predominate in or about Singapore, but that the predominance is of a statistically startling character. Male births are absolutely *more than double* the female births in number, and the proportions work out to the quite astounding relative figures of 68.49 per cent. of boys and 31.58 per cent. of girls per hundred births in local European and Eurasian families in or about Singapore during 1898. In other words the chances of a baby proving a boy are perceptibly *more than two to one*. Whether 1898 was a peculiar year, or whether there were exceptional occult climatic, dietetic or biological reasons for this unexpected preponderance of male births cannot yet be determined. The character of local domestic contingencies is clearly invested with a new interest, if there is anything of a permanent effect in these ratios. Speculation on so serious a subject is clearly to be deprecated, but it is manifest that a consideration of the above obstetric statistics may have the effect of giving a stimulus in the evil practice of backing one's opinion as to a contingency. Bets, it might frivolously be remarked, would naturally be off where in the case of twins, 'honours were easy'; the loser would pay double where there was a double verdict against him on this interesting risk. There is another point which deserves notice. If,—we say if,—there be any substantial force of a permanent nature in the conditions producing the above birth ratios, it will follow that in cases which important family interests, such as succession to hereditary titles or estates, are at stake, there would arise a strong inducement, in all such cases, for the taking up of residence in Singapore, in order to benefit by the increased chances this locality appears to afford of the much desired male birth. Indeed—but we forbear to enlarge upon it—a time might arrive when Singapore might become the Domestic 'Mecca' of heir-desiring parents: when we should have as residents among us a quite measurable proportion of the British peerage, or of the plutocracy of the United States, who hold out to themselves hopes of directly perpetuating their lineage and the prestige of their family wealth. We shall not, however, reckon our chickens before they are hatched. This Year of Grace 1899 might flood the place with female births and create quite a new and contradictory series of statistics. Still we have had our 'sonny days,' as will be remembered, and we have seen what last year can bring forth. If ten years hence we find Tanglin a new Belgravia or Mayfair we shall know the reason why, and the credit of this marvellous change in the texture of Singapore society will be due to the scientific investigation announced to-day in these columns.

AT the annual meeting of the P. and O. Company, Sir Thomas Sutherland said that they had contracted for another steamer of the *China* type, which would be named the *Persia*, and that they had expended two millions sterling on vessels in the interest of their new mail contract. He also claimed that in case of war these fast steamers would be invaluable aids to the Navy.

VARIOUS rumours are in existence as to the question of the ownership of the submarine cable between Tamsui, Formosa, and Foochow (China). The actual facts of the case, however, appear, a Japanese paper states, to be as follows. The Japanese Government had negotiated with the Chinese Government for the purchase of the cable line for 100,000 yen, and afterwards obtained the consent of the Diet and included the estimate in the Budget at the end of December last. France objected to the transfer of the ownership of the cable, but the objection has been disregarded by the Japanese Government. Some years ago when the cable line was opened to Wladivostock via Korea, by the Great Northern Telegraph Company, a contract was entered into between Russia, Japan, and Korea, binding Japan not to establish any cable line in connection with the Asiatic Continent, and, as the Japanese Government explained to the Diet, this contract is binding for three or four years, even with regard to the line between Formosa and Foochow. Therefore, it has been arranged that the control of the line should be placed, for the present, in the hands of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, on condition that the Japanese Government pays the sum of 300 yen a month to the company for the control of the cable. The price of the cable in question was actually paid to the Chinese Government at Peking on the 6th inst. when the ownership of the line was at last assumed by Japan.—*Nagasaki Daily Press*.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, January 19, 1899.

On London—	
Bank, Wire,	1/11⅞
,, On demand,	1/11⅞
,, 30 days' sight,	1/11⅞
,, 4 months' sight,	1/11⅞
Credits, 4 ,,	2/
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	2/1
On Paris—	
On demand,	2.48
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2.52
On Berlin—Demand,	2.01
On New York—	
On demand,	47⅞
Credits, 60 days' sight,	48⅛
On Bombay—	
Wire,	146
On demand,	146⅛
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	146
On demand,	146⅛
On Singapore—	
On demand,	1⅛ pm.
On Manila—	
On demand,	1⅛ pm.
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	72
30 days' sight, (private paper)	73
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	51 pm.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$37.75
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$10.04
Silver (per oz)	37⅞

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB,

Will give an Extra Performance of the Pantomime

'THE YELLOW DWARF,'

ON

SATURDAY,

21st January, 1899, at 8.30 p.m.

Stalls and Dress Circle:—Adults, $2, Children, Nurses and Amahs $1.

Pit Tickets will be distributed free to different School.

The Ticket Office will be OPEN on WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, at 10 a.m., and continue Open each Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, January 11, 1899. 93

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

will give Three More Performances of the Pantomime

'THE YELLOW DWARF.'

on

SATURDAY, 28th January, at 8.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 1st February, "
SATURDAY, 4th February, "

Dress Circle	$3.
Stalls	$2.
Pit	$1.

Half-Price to Soldiers, Sailors and Police in Uniform to the Pit.

The Ticket Office will Open on THURSDAY, 26th January, at 10 a.m., and Continue Open each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Late Trams to the Peak.

H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, January 16, 1899. 159

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on

SATURDAY,

the 21st January, 1899, at 2 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,—

(*For Sundry Accounts*),—

A QUANTITY OF

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

TAPESTRY and PLUSH DRAWING ROOM SUITE, EASY CHAIRS, OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS OCCASIONAL TABLES, ETC.

FINE SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY, ETC.

DOUBLE IRON and BEDSTEADS MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, SKIN RUGS, ETC.

PANTRY and BATHROOM REQUISITES.

Several Ladies' & Gentlemen's Bicycles.

Also,

A FEW PIECES of CANTON BLACKWOOD-WARE.

And,

COTTAGE PIANOS, by ZIMMERMANN and DECKER and SON, both in good condition.

On view from *Friday*, the 20th Jan.

Catalogues will be issued prior to sale.

TERMS:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 18, 1899. 150

Intimations.

EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS,

Occulist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at FLETCHER & Co.'s PHARMACY,

(*Opposite the* HONGKONG HOTEL).

Business Hours: ... ... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes,—the many years of 'Eye Strain' ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE. 2369

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m....Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m....Every half hour.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
3.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.
An additional car will run at 2.40 p.m. until further notice.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Night cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m....Every half hour. 10.30 a.m. and 10.40 a.m.
Noon to 2 p.m....Every quarter of an hour.
3 p.m. to 8 p.m...Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m.
Every half hour.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, November 22, 1898. 2082

DENTISTRY.

SUI SANG,

(Lately Practising with Dr. L. SAKATA)

DENTIST.

No. 8, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, January 1, 1899. 1

Intimations.

JADESTONES & CURIOS FOR SALE.

WE the Undersigned beg to notify the public that we have been carrying on Business as EXPORTERS OF CHINA GOODS, for upwards of 60 years past enjoying the good opinion of all our numerous customers. We have now been appointed Agents for KWONG MAN CHONG of Peking, in ANCIENT CURIOS, PEARLS, JADESTONE AND CRYSTAL WARE, ETC., ETC., of the best description, which we offer at most moderate Prices.

Visitors are respectfully invited to call and make inspection at our Premises, No. 90, Queen's Road Central.

SUN SHING,
盛新
Agents for KWONG MAN CHONG.

Hongkong, November 23, 1898. 2233

Kinghorn & Macdonald,

Consulting Mechanical Engineers and Surveyors,

CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALL KINDS OF MACHINERY AND APPLIANCES.

ICE MAKING.

MESSRS. KINGHORN AND MACDONALD having been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Messrs. J. and E. HALL'S PATENT REFRIGERATING MACHINERY, are prepared to supply Estimates, Plans and Specifications for all sizes of Machines.

Address, Praya Central, under Hongkong Hotel.

Telephone, No. 143.

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JOHN W. KINGHORN,
M.I.M.E., M.I.Mech.-E., London.
DONALD MACDONALD.

Hongkong, May 28 1898. 1068

To-day's Advertisements.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP CO.

DOCTOR WANTED, for Steamer *CARLISLE CITY*, Sailing for JAPAN, HONOLULU, and SAN DIEGO on 24th Inst.

Apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 19, 1899. 163

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VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on THURSDAY the 26th January Instant, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. precisely. VISITING SIR KNIGHTS are cordially INVITED to attend.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Kutsang* Captain BRADLEY, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 24th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 19, 1899. 160

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA,

The Co.'s Steamship *Changsha*, Captain MOORE, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 31st Instant, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 19, 1899. 159

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S. S. *Kutsang* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Noon, SATURDAY, the 21st Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 19, 1899. 161

WEEKLY NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail,

IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure of each ENGLISH and FRENCH MAIL Steamer for Europe. It contains special Commercial intelligence, special tables of Shipping, and other information. The various Reports of Courts and Meetings, and all other news, are given in full as they appear in the Daily issue.

The *Overland China Mail*, by the convenience of its form and the accuracy and fulness of its reports, has long been popular with residents who wish to send home a weekly budget of the news of Hongkong and the Far East. Circulating, as it does, among nearly all the old China 'hands' at Home and also among residents at the Treaty Ports and in the interior, it offers special advantages to advertisers.

The Overland China Mail will be regularly posted from the *China Mail* Office to subscribers, or their addresses being forwarded to the Office.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 31, at noon.
Australian Ports	Tokio Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Preussen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Feb 1, at 9 a.m.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Grethea Rickmers (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	February 6.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Sarnia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 15.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Silesia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About March 10.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Suevia (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About March 20.
Havre, H'burg/B'men	Wittenberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About March 31.
London, v. Suez Ca.	Nestor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 1.
London & Ports of Call	Chusan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 21, at noon.
Manila	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 31, at noon.
Marseilles v. Saigon	Indus (s)	Messageries Maritime	Jan. 29, at noon.
M'seilles, London, &c.	Inaba Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 22, daylight.
Nag'saki, Kobe & Y'ma	Rohilla (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 21, at 4 p.m.
N. York, v. Suez Can.	Energia (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd	January 24.
NewYork, v. SuezCanal	Commonwealth (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Jan. 28.
NewYork, v. SuezCanal	Eidsvold (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 24, at 3 p.m.
NewYork, v. SuezCanal	Indrani (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Feb. 20.
New York	Kenmore (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About end of Feb.
Portland, Oregon	Columbia (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Jan. 28, at noon.
Samarang & Sourabaya	Hupeh (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 24.
Samarang & Sourabaya	Nanchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 27.
San-Diego v. Japan	Carlisle City (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 24, at noon.
San Francisco	Queen Margaret	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Gaelic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Feb. 1, daylight.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	City of Peking (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 21, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Hongkong Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Feb. 7, at noon.
Seattle, Washington	Kinshiu Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 26, at 4 p.m.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 23.
Shanghai	Lyeemoon (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Jan. 21, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Ballaarat (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 21.
S'hai, Chemulpo & N'ki	Sagami Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 20, at 4 p.m.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Vindobona (s)	Sander, Wieler & Co.	Jan. 24, afternoon.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay.	Hiroshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 24, at noon.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Kutsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Jan. 24, at noon.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 20, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Victoria (s)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	Feb. 14, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Feb. 15, at noon.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 18.

Kutsang, British steamer, 1,419, R. C. D. Bradley, Calcutta and Singapore Jan. 14, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

January 19.

Chinkiang, British str., from Canton.

Hunan, British str., from Canton.

Wosang, British str., from Canton.

Euplectela, British steamer, 1,207, Stoll, Shanghai January 15, Ballast.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Phra Chom Klao, British steamer, 1,011, Fowler, Bangkok January 10, General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Clara, German steamer, 675, J. Bruhn, Haiphong and Ho... Jan. 18, General.—JEBSEN & Co.

Rohilla, British steamer, 2,216, S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R., Yokohama January 11, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dagmar, Norwegian steamer, 930, H. Nielsen, Saigon Jan. 14, Rice.—BARRETTO & Co.

Chusan, British str., 2,852, E. Street, Shanghai Jan. 17, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

January 19.

Shansi, for Shanghai.
Asturia, for Singapore and Hamburg.
Menmuir, for Macao and Sydney, &c.
Australian, for Shanghai.
Taichiow, for Swatow.
Quarta, for Saigon.
Siam, for Swatow.
Chinkiang, for Shanghai.
Hunan, for Hongay.
Yuensang, for Manila.
Kagoshima Maru, for Kobe.
Frundsberg, Austrian cruiser, for Singapore.

CLEARED.

Euplectela, for Manila.
Kinsang, for Amoy.
Haitan, for Swatow.
Hoihao, for Hoihow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Kutsang*, from Singapore, 490 Chinese.

Per *Phra Chom Klao*, from Bangkok, Mr D. M. Horne, and 54 Chinese.

Per *Rohilla*, from Yokohama, Mr O. H. Allen and Indian servant, Capt. L. Impey, Mr and Mrs J. Stiven, 3 children and Indian servant, Mr R. Gordon-Smith and Indian servant, Mr H. J. Kothwell, Master Cabeldu, Master Hall, Messrs Lee Hing Shing, Tong Hop Tai, Ah Wing, Ah Ping, and 18 Chinese.

Per *Chusan*, for Hongkong: from Kobe, Messrs J. Hay and W. Aitken; from Shanghai, Mr G. Wheeler and servant, Messrs K. Andis, C. Mittell, Keenan, Wattke, G. Eickelberger, S. W. Pratt, R. Dibrell, 1 Sikh and 2 Chinese. From Shanghai: for Bombay, Mrs S. Murphine; for Marseilles, Mr T. Guyer, R.N.; for London, Mr A. E. Horne, Miss M. Gower, and Mr D. Entwhistle.

DEPARTED.

Per *Kasuga Maru*, for Japan, Mr and Mrs A. Macmillan, Miss Howe, Miss Booth, Mr C. F. Trepplin, Mr Tanaka, Mr and Mrs T. Bell and 3 children, Mr Y. Soto, Mr and Mrs A. S. Mihara, child and maid, Mrs M. Francis, and Mrs Kobayashi.

Per *Menmuir*, for Sydney, &c., Sir W. Austruther, Messrs Colin Smith and Forsyth.

Per *Yuensang*, for Manila, Messrs Francisco Reyes, G. E. A. Caddell, and Lee Yuen Kui.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Kutsang* reports: Strong monsoon and high sea all the way.

The British steamer *Phra Chom Klao* reports: Strong monsoons and high seas.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Haitan*, at 7.30 a.m., on Friday, the 20th January. (Supplementary).

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—
Per *Wosang*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 20th January.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Hating*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 20th January.

For SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO & NAGASAKI.—
Per *Sagami Maru*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 20th January.

For TOURON & QUINHON.—
Per *Pronto*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 20th January.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Rohilla*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st January.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Lyeemoon*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st January.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.—
Per *Inaba Maru*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st January.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Kutsang*, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 24th January.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU & SAN DIEGO.—
Per *Carlisle City*, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 24th January.

For THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Tokio Maru*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 27th January.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.—
Per *Bisagno*, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 28th January.

For MANILA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Changsha*, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 31st January.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Chusan* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 21st January, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

Circulars at 8 a.m.
Registration at 10.30 a.m.
Papers at 10.30 a.m.
Letters at 11 a.m.
Late Letters at 11.10 to 11.30 a.m.

MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office decline all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, or jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, 98).

REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered for all Private Ship mails up to fifteen minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails up to half an hour before.

LOCAL DELIVERIES.—Separate Boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon and the Peak. The Boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah facing Queen's Road.

Letters, &c., for the Peak will be delivered by the 12 and 3.30 o'clock trams only. Correspondence and Parcels for the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 3 p.m. With regard to letters from the Peak, Pillar boxes have been placed at Magazine Gap, Victoria Gap, Mount Kellett, Mount Gough, and Plantation Road, which will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

Letters, parcels, &c., for Kowloon Point and Steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Letters *from* Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Compound outside the Charge Room up to 12 and 4 o'clock, and in the Pillar Box at the Wharf. Local Rates will be charged. To avoid robbery, senders of letters *from* Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word *stamped* across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered. No Sunday delivery.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Jan. 19, 1899.

OPIUM	—New Patna, cash, ...	810
"	Old " cash, ...	Nom.
"	New Benares, cash,	817½
"	Old " cash,...	Nom.
"	New Malwa, credit...	720/730
"	Allowance, Taels, ...	Nom.
"	Last Year new, ...	730
"	Allowance, Taels, ...	Nom.
"	Old Malwa credit, ...	740/760
"	Allowance, Taels ...	Nom.
"	Persian, Paper tied	8/18
"	Allowance Taels ...	Nom.

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.27	30.40	30.29
Temperature	61	59	64
Humidity ...	55	49	53
Direction of Wind ...	W	—	WNW
Force ...	2	0	1
Weather ...	b	b	b
Rain ...	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 18th 64
Lowest open air temperature on the 18th.... 51

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 19. 1899.

Temperature.

(*Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.*)

HONGKONG, Jan. 19, 1899.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.31
Do.	1 P.M.	30.22
Do.	4 P.M.	30.22
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	60
Do.	1 P.M.	63
Do.	4 P.M.	62
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	53
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	55
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	55
Do.	Maximum	63
Do.	Minimum overnight	48

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Haitan*, leaves for Swatow.
4 p.m.—*Sagami Maru* leaves for S'hai, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Register of Shares of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

Register of Shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited, closed from this Date to the 26th inst., both days inclusive.

Goods per *Gisela* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 21:—
Goods per *Kutsang* undelivered after Noon this date subject to rent.
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.
8.30 p.m.—Performance of the A. D. C. Pantomime, at City Hall Theatre.
Interest payable by Commissioner of Customs, Canton, on Imperial Kwangtung Loan of 1894.

MONDAY, January 23:—
3 p.m.—Letting of Several Lots Nos. 1 to 19 on Plan for Booths and Matsheds, near the Race Course.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Macdonnell Road, (between Kennedy and Bowen Road).
Goods per *Sarnia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 24:—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui.

WEDNESDAY, January 25:—
Transfer Books of Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 1st February, both days inclusive.

THURSDAY, January 26:—
11.45 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings.
6.30 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Preceptory.

SATURDAY, January 28:—
8.30 p.m.—Performance of the A. D. C. Pantomime, at City Hall Theatre.

MONDAY, January 30:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central.

WEDNESDAY, February 1:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld., at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings.
Transfer Books of China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 17th February, both days inclusive.

FRIDAY, January 17:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS SHERRIES.

Per doz. Case.

B SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule $10.80

C MANZANILLA, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, White Capsule 12.00

CC SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red Seal Capsule 12.00

D VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule ... 14.40

E EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (*Old Bottled*) 20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner Wines and suitable for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841. 9407

BIRTHS.

At Yamamatsu-dori, 4 chome, Kobe, on the 7th Jan., the wife of S. E. LEVY, of a Son.

On the 9th January, at Yokohama, the wife of W. T. CARLETON, of a Son.

At Nagano, Shinshiu, on Jan. 5, the wife of the Rev. FRANK S. SCUDDER, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Oanfa*, *Flintshire*, Nov. 22; *Kintuck*, *Ulysses*, Dec. 2; *Canton*, *Indralema*, *Babelsburg*, 9; *Norman Isles*, 13; *Vinebranch*, 16; *Glenesk*, *Ettrickdale*, *Stolberg*, 20; *Dardanus*, *Sarpedon*, *Wennington Hall*, 23; *Benmohr*, 25; *Antenor*, *Glengyle*, *Boynton*, 30; *Sydney*, *Trieste*, *Servia*, Jan. 3; *Benalder*, *Glengarry*, *Silesia*, *Nerite*, 6; *Menelaus*, *St. Andrews*, *Æolus*, 10; *Lix*, *Haiching*, *Huron*, 13; *Benlarig*, *Formosa*, *Moyune*, *Suevia*, *Sachsen*, 17.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Myrmidon*, Jan. 3; *Melbourne*, 10; *Ceylon*, *Hansa*, 13; *Orestes*, 17.

Mails.

The P. & O. steamer *Ballaarat*, with the ENGLISH and FRENCH MAILS of 16th and 23rd Dec., left Singapore on Sunday, the 15th January, at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 21st Jan. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Nov. 12 and 19.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s *City of Peking*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 14th Jan., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 21st Jan.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s chartered steamer *Hupeh*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, left Kobe on Monday, the 16th Jan., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 23rd Jan.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Gaelic*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, left Yokohama on Tuesday, the 17th Jan., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 24th Jan.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s. s. *China*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 7th Jan.

Steamers Expected.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Vindobona* left Moji, for this port on the 17th Jan.

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Tonkin* left Saigon on Thursday, the 19th Jan., at 8 a.m., for this port.

The N. G. I. s. s. *Bisagno* left Singapore for this port on the 16th Jan., and is due here on or about the 21st Jan.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Manila*, left Singapore for this port on the 16th Jan., at noon.

The s. s. *Catherine Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 17th Jan.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Columbia* has arrived at Yokohama from Portland, Or., and sailed on the 12th Jan., for Kobe and Hongkong.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Bombay* left Bombay for this port on the morning of 12th Jan.

The H. A. L. steamer *Suevia* left Hamburg for Hongkong, &c., via ports of call on the 30th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 1st February next.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Victoria* sailed from Tacoma, for Japan and Hongkong on the 9th Jan.

Latest Advices.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Hiroshima Maru* left Moji, for this port, on the 17th Jan., and is expected to arrive here on the 22nd Jan.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Tokio Maru* left Kobe, via Nagasaki, for this port on the 17th Jan., at noon, and is expected to arrive here on the 24th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s. s. *Inaba Maru* left Moji for this port on the 17th Jan., and is expected to arrive here on the 21st Jan.

The C. M. Co.'s s. s. *Oopack*, from Glasgow, Liverpool and Swansea, left Singapore for this port on Wednesday, the 18th Jan., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 24th Jan.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m., on the 19th Jan., and will leave at 4 p.m. of same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st Jan.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Chingtu*, from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 18th Jan. for this port, via Manila, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 29th Jan.

THE Russian gunboat *Kreyser* left Singapore for Russia on the 10th inst.

H.M.S. *Edgar*, homeward bound, arrived at Singapore on the 9th inst., and was to sail on the following day for Plymouth.

THERE will be a Rugby football match tomorrow (Friday) on the Hongkong Club ground. H.M.S. *Powerful* v. The Fleet, commencing at 4.15 p.m.

THE following translation of a Tokio telegram appears in a Kobe contemporary:—'A Peking dispatch of the 10th inst. declares that Great Britain, in organizing a Chinese regiment at Wei-hai-wei, is ignoring the law of nations. It is as if Great Britain regarded China as a British protectorate. In Peking it is believed that the matter will prove the seed of future troubles.'

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A [illegible] from Tokio reports that the Japanese gunboat *Oshima* has been ordered to South China for the protection of the Japanese settlements.

THE death-rate of the Colony for the week ended 31st December was 13.8, as compared with 18.7 in the corresponding period last year. For the week ended January 7, the death-rate was 14.2 as compared with 18.3 in the corresponding period last year.

THE return of samples examined under 'The Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896,' for the quarter ended December 31, forwarded to the Sanitary Board by Mr Frank Browne, Government Analyst, shows that of the eight samples of brandy submitted for analysis four were found to be adulterated. Of the five samples of whisky submitted three were found to be adulterated. Only one sample of rum was submitted, and it was certified as genuine. The adulteration of the samples was due to the introduction of water.

CONSIDERING the amount of important work they have to perform, it is creditable to the members of the staff of the Cable Companies that so few mistakes occur in the messages they handle. Occasionally, however, amusing mistakes occur. In a message sent from London to Japan, it was stated that King Menelik of Abyssinia had sent 'good clothes' and necessaries to the Dervish refugees after they were defeated at Ghedaref. At the time, our contemporaries in Japan wondered in the first place why King Menelik should have sent 'good' clothes, and why, supposing his Majesty was so generous, Reuter should have troubled to mention the fact. As it was, the telegram should have read:—'King Menelik sent *food*, clothes and necessaries to the Dervish refugees.' The alteration of one letter made a considerable difference in the sense.

YESTERDAY afternoon, at the Happy Valley, a football match was played between the Hongkong F. C. and H.M.S. *Victorious*. The naval team is a good one, and as the Club hoped to put their Shield Eleven on the field a close and exciting game was anticipated. While the Club was unable to play its full team, anticipations were realised so far as the game was concerned; and we believe we can safely say the game was the best 'Socker' exhibition we have seen at the Happy Valley this season. Sexton being absent, F. H. Kew had to be taken back from his half-back position to act as custodian, and J. D. Danby had to go from inside left (forward) to right half back, young Hancock assisting Noble on the left wing. Although thus somewhat disorganised, the Club played an excellent game, especially the defensive division, and if they failed to score a win the Club players had at least the satisfaction of keeping their own goal inviolate. As no points were scored on either side, it is unnecessary to describe the play in detail. A few notes on the various players may be of interest, however. The left wing and centre-forward of the *Victorious* form a formidable trio, and in the Shield Competition will doubtless give a good account of themselves. In yesterday's match, they were too carefully watched by the Club halves to become really dangerous, if we except the last quarter of an hour, when the *Victorious* men completely overran the Club back division, and were several times within an ace of scoring. Danby played an exceptionally good game, breaking up the Kane-Miller combination, his speed and tackling powers being well exhibited against these two tricky players. The centre forward for the *Victorious* was probably the trickiest man on the field, and required a lot of watching. This C. T. Kew provided, playing a hard, useful game at centre half; whilst Howard, as left half, was once more in brilliant form. The Club was never so well supplied with good half-backs, and were the backs (Anton and Pinckney) more exact in their kicking, the back division would be as powerful as any in the Colony. Yesterday, Anton and Pinckney played a safe game, but the former is not an ideal back and does not clear promptly and with judgment. Fred. Kew, in goal, had a busy time in the second period, and played so well that it seems a pity to change him. The weak spot in the eleven was Hancock. Too often he got in Howard's way, and he never worked very kindly with Mayson or fed Noble as he ought to have been fed. Noble, on his own account, did some very smart things, but his proper place is inside. His parting kick is invariably too weak. In the inside position, his dangerous tactics in front of goal would be of infinite advantage to the Club forward string, which is not (and never has been) good in front of goal. Mayson was obviously not exerting himself; but he gave us glimpses of his old accurate play, and if he is able to retain his place at centre forward he will be of great service to the Club this season. Lowe and Looker played up to form, but their play would be even more valuable, if, when getting down upon their opponents' goal, they would remember that the other wing and the centre forward are taking part in the game. On the whole, the Club had the best of yesterday's game; and only wanted better generalship at the goal-mouth to make a really good eleven. Some of the sailors were too free with their hands, a practice they will find very detrimental in the Shield Competition.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 25th January to WEDNESDAY, the 1st February, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Agents for the
KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LD.
Hongkong, 17th Jan., 1899. 151

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Tenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1899, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th January, to THURSDAY, 26th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 12, 1899. 111

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventh Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 26th January, 1899, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 19th January, to THURSDAY, 26th January, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
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Hongkong, January 12, 1899. 112

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NOTICE is hereby given that the WARRANTS for Interest on, and RE-PAYMENT of Part Principal of, the BONDS of the IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN of 1894 will be ready for issue on the 21st January, 1899, at the OFFICE of the IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, CANTON.

E. E. DREW,
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SHANGHAI.	*Ballarat*	C. L. W. FEILD.	About 21st January.
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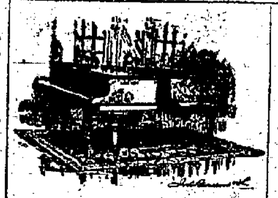
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A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 18, 1899. 156

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
(NOTICE OF CALL).

NOTICE is hereby given that, at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the above Company Held at No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on the SIXTH day of December, 1898, the following Resolution was passed:—

'That a FIRST and FINAL CALL of 'TEN DOLLARS ($10) per SHARE, upon 'all the SHAREHOLDERS in the above 'Company, in respect of all the SHARES held 'by them in the above Company, be and the 'same is hereby made. Such Call to be 'Paid to the Company at their Bankers, 'the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING 'CORPORATION, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day 'of March, 1899.'

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 30th January, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts declaring a dividend, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 12, 1899. 114

NOTICE.

I Beg to inform the PUBLIC that from THIS DATE I have TAKEN the name of M. E. MICHAEL.
M. E. BENNETT.
Hongkong, January 17, 1899. 145

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE Second Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on FRIDAY, the 17th February, at Noon, for the purpose receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 17th February, 1899, both days inclusive.

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